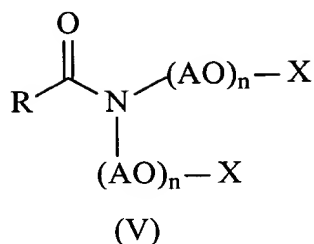


or



where R is C₈- to C₃₀-alkyl or alkenyl, A is C₂- to C₄-alkylene, n is 0 - 50 and X is a halohydrin, epoxy, carboxyl, chloroformate or isocyanate group or a halogen atom.

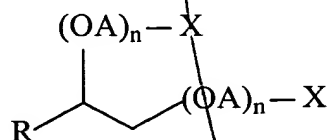
4. (Amended) A process for the preparation of a modified cationic polymer as claimed in claim 1, wherein

- (a) water-soluble, polymeric compounds containing NH groups and selected from the group consisting of the polyalkylenepolyamines, polyamidoamines, polyamidoamines grafted with ethyleneimine and polymers containing vinylamine units are reacted with
- (b) compounds which are at least bifunctional with respect to NH groups and have at least one alkyl or alkenyl radical of at least 8 carbon atoms and, as a functional group, a halohydrin, epoxy, carboxyl, chloroformate or isocyanate group or a halogen atom.

6. (Amended) A process as claimed in claim 4, wherein

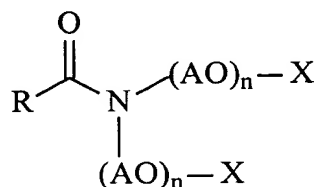
- (a) compounds containing NH groups and selected from the group consisting of the polyalkylenepolyamines, polyamidoamines, polyamidoamines grafted with ethyleneimine and polymers containing vinylamine units are reacted with
- (b) at least one compound of the formula

A²



(IV)

or



(V)

where R is C₈- to C₃₀-alkyl or alkenyl, A is C₂ to C₄-alkylene, n is 0 - 50 and X is a halohydrin, epoxy, carboxyl, chloroformate or isocyanate group or a halogen atom.--

Please cancel Claim 7.

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 are active in the present application. The claims are amended to remove multiple dependencies. No new matter is added. An action on the merits and allowance of the claims is solicited.

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